THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not concerned with that. That is not my job.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: There is no Government.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: My job is not to see whether the Government is there or not. (*Interruptions*) Secretary-General, please ring the bell for the quorum. (*Interruptions*) The bells are ringing. There is no argument. Please take your seats. (*Interruptions*) You cannot speak when the quorum is not there. If no business can be transacted, even your speech cannot be recorded because there is no quorum according to you. Please take your seat. Whatever you have said is not recorded. Let us keep quiet till the quorum is there. Otherwise, I will adjourn the House. Don't record anything except the quorum bell.

Now there is quorum. What motion I had to move... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALASAMY: There is no quorum.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I leave it to the Marshal of this House. That is his job to find out whether quorum is there or not. Now, as the quorum is not there, only 22 Members of this House are present at the moment, the House is adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned at eight minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-two minutes past two of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.**

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: One thing is good that there is at least quorum. So you can say what you want to say.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Are we going to make any obituary reference on the demise of the puppet Government?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I would not like any comments. Please sit down.

Leader of the House has come. Please take your seats. Let us behave in a more dignified manner.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : आपकी आखिरी जलवा अराई के लिए मैं इनका खैर-मकदम करता हूं। ... **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But he will always be here as Member of the Rajya Sabha.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : आज मंत्री के रूप में आप आखिरी बार हम लोगों को दर्शन दे रहे हैं, इसलिए हमारी सहानुभूति सारी आपके साथ है। ... **(व्यवधान)**

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) : आप कैसे जानते हैं ?

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : मुझे मालूम हुआ है। ... **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Supplementary Demands for Grants 1990-91 (March 1991).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No point of order now. Please sit down. He has got something to say.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: We never raised the question of quorum.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Very good of you today.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not only the question of quorum, but decorum also; that is more important.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, Deputy Chairman, I have to inform the House that in keeping with the high traditions of democracy... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please, we talked about decorum today. Let us hear what he says.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Prime Minister has announced in the other House that he is calling on the Rashtrapathiji to tender the resignation of his Government to him. In the light of that, the other House has been adjourned till tomorrow... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): Is it with the request for the dissolution of the Lower House?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: That is a matter which has been discussed in the Cabinet. I am not entitled to inform this to you here. But, I have only to inform you that the Prime Minister is on his way to the Rashtrapathi Bhawan to tender his own resignation and that of the Council of Ministers. In the light of this development, may I request you, Madam, to adjourn the sitting of this House also, until the President has taken a vie w in the matter?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Let me compliment the decision of the Government. Better late than never.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at thirty-six minutes past two of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 7th March, 1991.

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